

**MINUTES OF THE  
SPECIAL DISTRICTS SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE POLITICAL  
SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Thursday, June 21, 2007 – 1:00 p.m. – Room W125 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dennis Stowell  
Sen. Fred J. Fife  
Kerry W. Gibson  
Christine A. Johnson

**Staff Present:**

Joseph Wade, Policy Analyst  
Robert H. Rees, Associate General Counsel  
Wendy Bangerter, Legislative Secretary

**Member Absent:**

Rep. Fred R Hunsaker

**Note:** A list of others present, copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Senator Dennis Stowell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Chair Stowell welcomed everyone and introductions were made of the subcommittee members and public in attendance.

**2. Special District Recodification - What Else Needs to be Done**

Mr. Robert H. Rees, Subcommittee Staff Attorney, presented a power point presentation explaining districts in Utah. He reviewed the work of the subcommittee from 1998 to present and those tasks yet to be completed in the rewrite/recodification of Title 17A. He distributed a listing of the remaining chapters in Title 17A.

**3. Dependent Districts**

The dependent districts needing to be rewritten/recodified in Title 17A, Chapter 3 are:

Part 4, Parking and Business Improvement Districts;  
Part 9, Municipal Building Authorities;  
Part 12, Special Road Districts;  
Part 13, Historic Districts; and  
Part 8, Conservation Districts.

Those affected by the dependent districts were asked to 1) give an overview of the purpose; 2) indicate roughly how many there are of each type; and 3) provide general comments on how best the statutory provisions can be rewritten/recodified.

Mr. Adam Trupp, Utah Association of Counties, answered questions from subcommittee members and said he would have more to share in the future.

Mr. Gordon Younker, Executive Vice President, UACD (Utah Association of Conservation Districts), gave a power point presentation explaining Utah soil conservation districts and zones, their functions, and those they partner with on local, state, and federal levels. He reviewed those issues needing consideration.

Rep. Gibson emphasized the importance of conservation districts, especially in the farming community.

Mr. Jake Jacobsen, distributed information explaining the policy board of the Utah Conservation Commission makeup and function. He explained that the Conservation Commission distributes funds from the UDAF (Utah Department of Agriculture and Food) to the conservation districts.

#### **4. Special Service Districts**

The special service districts statutes needing to be rewritten/recodified are found in Title 17A, Chapter 2, Part 13, Special Service Districts.

Mr. Mark Anderson, general counsel to the Utah Association of Special Districts, explained that the County Service Area Act was passed so that special service districts could provide services to unincorporated areas. This was a compelling reason for the creation of special service districts.

#### **5. Recodification Policy Questions**

Mr. Dave Austin assisted Mr. Anderson in sharing policy questions that need to be considered in the recodification process. He and Mr. Anderson made recommendations for draft legislation.

Mr. Rees also shared policy questions that should be considered in the recodification.

Subcommittee discussion followed.

#### **6. Followup on H.B. 65**

This item was included in the previous discussion.

#### **7. Next Meeting Dates and How to Proceed**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 20, 2007.

#### **8. Other Items / Adjourn**